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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best for fast food promotions. In parts of the Midwest, storms caused power failure resulting in retail stores closures. Offerings and floor stocks were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were in good balance to tight, and dark meat was available, closest for thigh meat. Tenders were adequate to well cleared, but all other breast items were more than sufficient and often discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.00 cents last year on August 18, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.00
BREASTS - B/S	147.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.50
LEG QUARTERS	46.00
WINGS	81.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to fair, at times moderate for fast food promotions and active retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Wings were balanced to short and continued to move well. Breast items were readily available with tenders in the closest balance. Leg quarters were sufficient, drums and thighs were at least adequate, thigh and leg meats were adequate to barely adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light, mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes varied and noted as at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were available and slow to clear; boneless skinless breasts were generally adequate. Dark meat cuts ranged about adequate to available with drums in the longest position. Boneless skinless thighs, wings and tenders were well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Trade interest and offerings continued light. Retail demand was generally slow, while food service was light overall, instances moderate into fast food and retail features. Portions of St. Louis were without power due to storms and some retail stores were closed as a result. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights mostly desirable. Supplies of wings remained in close balance to tight, breast items adequate and dark cuts mixed. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, barely steady to weak on drums and steady on balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were at least adequate. Buying activity was fair and focused on regular needs. Retailer demand was moderate overall best for parts. Floor stocks adequate. Some strength was noted on wings with balance of parts generally steady.

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 13, 2005. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 13, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 13, 2005 were 5.63 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 08/13/05	2005	2004
EGGS SET	212,141	213,309
CHICKS PLACED	175,748	175,391
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		-01
		0

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 24-Sep-05 is estimated at 162.0 million head. This compares to 161.5 million head the previous week and to 164.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.21 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	646	122.00-197.00	125-129	132.14	BREAST - B/S	733	120.00-197.00	122-132	129.42
TENDERLOINS	263	125.00-195.00	127-131	130.02	TENDERLOINS	223	125.00-182.00	-	137.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	85.00-94.00	86-88	87.96	BREAST - LINE RUN	111	82.00-89.00	85-86	85.49
FRONT HALVES	80	52.00-63.00	-	57.94	FRONT HALVES	72	52.00-62.00	-	55.48
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	53	55.00-78.00	57-58	60.08
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	43.00-46.00	44	44.14	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	43.00-46.00	44-45	44.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	914	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.48	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	935	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	71.00-86.00	75-78	77.40	WINGS (WHOLE)	282	73.00-86.00	75-77	77.29
WINGS (CUT)	325	88.00-94.00	90-91	90.72	WINGS (CUT)	300	90.00-95.00	91-94	93.15
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-78.00	-	60.35	DRUMSTICKS	68	55.00-78.00	-	58.59
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	108	41.00-78.00	-	46.52
B/S THIGHS	86	96.00-114.00	-	104.00	B/S THIGHS	80	96.00-114.00	-	104.00

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 54.50	51.04	47.50-54.00	49.93	51.45

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained available and discounted to clear. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate for current needs. Tenders were well cleared. Drums were available and slow in clearing; the balance of dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were in good balance. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, tenders and boneless skinless thigh meat; steady to barely steady on the balance of items.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	133.12	653,340
TENDERLOINS	130	131.21	228,831
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	89.49	64,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	78.00	90,000
LEGS	61-62	59.65	221,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.29	488,350
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	60.27	151,060
THIGHS	46-47	55.06	84,140
B/S THIGHS	107-108	102.06	92,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	78.42	240,300
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.20	26,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.55	10,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.46	20,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	131.42	549,120
TENDERLOINS	130-135	130.81	72,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	90.67	66,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	78.91	93,680
LEGS	61-62	58.46	190,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.93	437,480
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	60.72	115,480
THIGHS	46-47	59.12	37,720
B/S THIGHS	108-109	103.95	71,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	79-80	78.96	216,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.50	16,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.07	14,861
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.06	15,160

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	08/17	08/16	08/15	08/12	08/10
Alabama	4,064	4,076	4,035	4,197	5.22
Arkansas	5,470	5,484	5,274	5,142	5.22
Delmarva	2,268	2,276	2,273	2,251	5.53
KY-LA-TN	2,324	2,055	2,274	2,261	4.91
Mississippi	3,146	3,174	3,109	3,677	5.61
North Carolina	2,530	2,523	2,273	2,814	6.26
Texas	2,573	2,488	2,567	2,520	5.23
Total	22,375	22,076	21,805	22,862	5.39
Mon-Wed	66,775(A)				5.28

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Aug-05 is estimated to be 34,415,000 head up 0.72 percent from a week ago and up 7.89 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,170,000, last year 31,898,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-112
	DRY PACK 111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93-95
	DRY PACK 95-105
DUCKS	180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Aug-05

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/20/05 (1)	08/13/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	168,293(2)	166,292
Light hens	1,288	1,113
Heavy hens	1,708	1,668
Total	171,289	169,073

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Aug-05 is 166.8 million head compared to 165.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.6 million head or 1.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Aug-05 the estimated available is 165.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY/LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY/LBS
AM 08/15/05	121,694	51,565
AM 08/01/05	118,501	47,724
CHG	3,193	3,841
PCT CHG	3	8

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/15/05	08/08/05	08/16/04	08/15/05	08/08/05	08/16/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,904	766	12,159	5,261	5,499	5,298
LOS ANGELES	54	63	363	2,660	2,939	4,174

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2005

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-80
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 08/09/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LO	HI	AVG		LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.30	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.75	1.15	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.20	.88	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	2.50	6.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.25	2.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	42						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 12, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	82.79	166.42	110.95	25.60	8.53	74.25
High	90.89	174.96	119.48	29.87	12.80	74.25
Mostly	82.79	170.69	119.48	25.60	8.53	74.25
SAN JUAN						
Low	81.93	162.16	110.95	25.60	8.53	72.54
High	91.32	179.23	119.48	29.87	12.80	72.54
Mostly	81.93	170.69	119.48	25.60	8.53	72.54
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	81.93	162.16	110.95	25.60	8.53	74.68
High	91.75	174.96	119.48	29.87	12.80	74.68
Mostly	81.93	170.69	115.22	25.60	8.53	74.68
BECERRA						
Low	82.79	170.69	110.95	25.60	12.80	76.81
High	91.75	179.23	119.48	29.87	17.07	76.81
Mostly	82.79	170.69	119.48	25.60	12.80	76.81

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about normal for mid-week business. Offerings were reported as balance but still adequate to fully adequate for the current light buying interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were usually desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, interest was a tad slow on drums. Wings and tenders were short and reported as firm, breasts items were adequate, and the balance of items were reported as workable to close balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	58-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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